

REMARKS

Claims 1-8 are pending in the above-identified application. Support for the change to claim 3, as well as new claims 7 and 8, is found at the bottom of page 12 of the present specification.

Allowable Claims

Claims 1 and 2 were indicated to be in allowable form. Claims 3-6 were only rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, and this rejection is believed to have been overcome based on the reasons indicated below. Claims 7 and 8 depend from claim 3. Consequently, it is submitted that all of the presently pending claims 1-8 have been placed into allowable form.

Removal of Issue under 35 USC 112

Claims 3-6 have been rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph as allegedly being indefinite because of the phrase "lower alkyl group" recited in claim 3.

Claim 3 has been amended so as to indicate a range of carbon atoms for the lower alkyl group. Therefore, the basis for the above-noted rejection has been removed.

It is submitted for the reasons above that the present claims define patentable subject matter such that the present application should now be placed in condition for allowance.

If any questions arise in the above matters, please contact Applicant's representative, Andrew D. Meikle (Reg. No. 32,868), in the Washington Metropolitan Area at the phone number listed below.

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